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- (c) When the first lease was granted the needs of the Military department had clearly special claims to consideration. The Government understand that only one complaint on the subject of the reservations in favour of that department has since been received by the Chief Conservator. This related to an area not leased to Mr. Howes but in direct charge of the Military department, and in consultation with that department the area in question was thrown open to grazing. The Government are not aware of any complaints regarding fuel.

*Rayadrug railway station.*

443 Q.—MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member to state—

(a) if it is a fact that there is only a small goods shed at the Rayadrug railway station and that there is no accommodation for the passengers who have to wait for the afternoon train to Bellary; and

(b) if the Government cannot instruct the railway authorities to provide suitable accommodation for the passengers of the first, second and third classes.

A.—(a) The Government are not aware of the facts but presume from the form of the question that they are within the knowledge of the Member himself.

(b) It is not within the power of this Government to issue instructions in the sense suggested, but they will bring the question to the notice of the Railway Administration concerned.

*Establishment list of the Revenue Department.*

444 Q.—MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue to state—

(a) whether the establishment list of the Revenue Department is available for sale to the public; and

(b) whether the Government will make it available to the members of the Legislative Council on requisition.

A.—No consolidated establishment list for the whole Presidency is published. The printed establishment lists of each district are not available for sale to the public. They will be made available in the Chief Secretariat Library for the perusal of Honourable Members.

*Cochin Harbour scheme.*

445 Q.—MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: To ask the Hon'ble the Finance Member to state—

(a) the progress made in regard to the Cochin Harbour scheme;

(b) the probable contribution of the British Government towards the above scheme;

(c) the arrangements made for the supply of materials required for its execution; and

(d) whether tenders were invited for the supply of such materials, and, if so, with what result.

A.—There is as yet no finally approved scheme for the improvement of the Cochin Harbour. As a preliminary it will be necessary to dredge a channel through the bar and the arrangements for the financing of this work are still under consideration.